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**SPECIAL EFFECTS**  
**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

The newly revised Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, (527 CMR 1.00), was effective as of January 1, 2018. The revised code adopts, in large part, the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) Model Fire Code (NFPA 1 - 2015 Edition) with Massachusetts amendments.

The following study materials should be utilized in preparation for the Special Effects Certificate of Competency Examination (for new and renewal applicants):

- 527 CMR 1.00 (Code of Massachusetts Regulations)
  - Section 1.12.8.39.2 through 1.12.8.39.2.3.1
  - Section 1.13 through 1.13.4.2.5
  - Section 1.13.10 through 1.13.10.4.2.1
  - Section 1.13.12
  - Section 65.1.1 through 65.5.1.3

The official copy of 527 CMR 1.00 is available from the State House Book Store, State House, Room 116, Boston, MA 02133 / (617) 727-2834. An unofficial copy of 527 CMR 1.00 (for convenience purposes only) is also available at the DFS website: [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs).

- NFPA Standard 1123 – 2010 Edition
- NFPA Standard 1124 – 2006 Edition
- NFPA Standard 1126 – 2011 Edition

Available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
One Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269 / (800) 344-3555